

Bay council faces potential battles over drainage woes, historic preservation plan

BY MARY G. SEILEY
Staff Writer

Bay St. Louis leaders appear to be bracing for rough legal and political rides in the weeks ahead.

Two big-ticket items on City Council's agenda include multiple sinkholes in a \$3.5 million drainage upgrade program, and the final enactment of a historic preservation ordinance.

Both matters have council members at odds, and represent political hot potatoes.

Council went into executive session Tuesday night, at the advice of city attorney John Scafide, to discuss "possible litigation" over warranties covering the drainage program. In the meanwhile, council agreed to call a 5:05 p.m. workshop Monday with the engineer for the project at issue, James J. Chiniche.

"What's he going to tell us?" asked Ward 1 council member Doug Seal, repeatedly. Seal contends the city should have an independent assessment of problems with the drainage project, and skip the step of after-the-fact dialog with the engineer.

Ward 2 council member Jim Thriffliey, however, wants the engineer and

public works officials on hand to discuss the several drainage system breaks that have occurred in recent months.

Officials say five or six sinkholes have appeared in town, in spots where connections of drainage pipes have failed. The failures were among more than 500 joints that were sealed with grout — a process which was used under a special warranty to the city.

While only a handful of failures have occurred, officials are worried that the problem is widespread and will manifest itself fully after the warranty expires this fall. Colom Construction Co., which built the system, offered to repair the problems immediately, said Public Works director Ron Vanney.

But, Vanney said, city officials backed off from that offer out of concerns over the looming warranty issue. Vanney told council that his office is compiling the paperwork trail surrounding the situation.

Who's to blame for the failures, and who's to pay for repairs, is very much at issue.

Council president Bill Taylor said Tuesday that he is reluctant for council to

deal with those matters directly, suggesting it's an administrative issue to resolve.

"Well, I think if we spend the money, we need to find out what's going on," responded Ward 2 council member Jim Thriffliey.

Seal, who wants an independent assessment of the problem, balked at the notion of meeting with Chiniche at this point. He said council should tackle the problem. "It's our responsibility. We spent \$3.5 million on something that's broke ... We have a failure here now," Seal warned that the city is "dragging" its feet by discussing the issue with the engineer who designed the system.

"We're going to drag this out ... and keep dragging and dragging." The system, he said, "it's failing. And we don't know why: the pipe, the grout, the ground?" Seal fears that warranties covering the failures will lapse while the discussion proceeds, leaving the city alone to pay for costly repairs.

Council financed a city-wide drainage system upgrade with a \$5.5 million general obligation bond issue several years ago. The portion that's having trou-

bles was the largest of three separate contracts for the work.

In the preservation matter, council agreed wait three more weeks before a possible ordinance enactment. That will give Scafide time to make sure the proposed regulations meet state guidelines.

The ordinance — in the making for years — would establish a commission to oversee alterations or demolitions of properties in historic districts that would be created in the future. It would also provide for protections of "landmark" sites or properties outside specific districts. Negative actions by the commission could be appealed to council for reversal.

Seal continued Tuesday to warn council members that the ordinance amounts

to a vast set of new regulations over property owners' rights. "We're creating a monster," he said. Among other objections, Seal balks at the provision which gives the commission say-so over the appearance and size of new construction in a historic district.

Thriffliey, meanwhile, is insistent that the ordinance will boost property values in the historic city and that its protections are wanted by the majority of historic property owners. The new-construction provision, he said, "encourages people to build something aesthetically pleasing" in historic areas.

He cited construction of a huge metal shed amid historic homes on St. George Street as an example of incompatible building in his own district.

Taylor said he'd like to see an opinion poll on the proposal's popularity among those property owners directly affected. But there's no definition yet of who'll be under the new rules, since districts can't be established before the ordinance is enacted.

The proposal is expected to be on the agenda for action at council's Jan. 27th meeting.

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Relay For Life is the largest cancer fund raiser in the nation. Held in more than 3,300 communities nationwide last year, the event brings participants together to raise money for cancer research, education, advocacy and patient support programs.

The 2003 Relay For Life in Hancock County was a successful event for the American Cancer Society. "We're excited about our plans for 2004 and look forward to having new teams and participants join us," said Dave Mayley, event chair. "This kick off is just the beginning of great things to come."

The public is invited to learn more about Relay For Life at the kick off on Wednesday, Jan. 14 at the American Legion Post 139 on Green Meadow Drive. The kick off starts at 6 p.m.

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Supers show support for U.S. Navy training area at NASA buffer zone

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER

Staff Writer

Plans for a 5,200 acre Western Maneuver Area (WMA) proposed earlier this year by the Department of the Navy which would be located in an area adjacent to the Stennis Space Center may be moving forward. Hancock County Supervisors approved a motion Monday in support of the proposed location, rescinding a previous motion to oppose the project. But they also attached some demands to the approval.

After meeting with Navy officials District 2 Supervisor Rocky Pullman said he came away with a strong reassurance that the Navy would go through with a plan to build 160 homes in Hancock County to be used primarily for housing Navy personnel.

The housing would ensure that tax dollars lost because of the acquisition of private land for the proposed project, would stay in the county, Pullman said. Much of the 5,200 acres proposed to be used for the

WMA is privately owned, thus on the county tax roles.

If the housing project is not guaranteed in writing, Supervisors would not be in favor of the project, they said. They also added other stipulations that must be guaranteed in writing, they said, before their approval would be final.

Stipulations are:

- No military operations to take place when funerals are being conducted in nearby cemeteries. Former residents of the towns, lost when Stennis Space Center took a third of the county for the test site and Buffer Zone, still maintain town and private cemeteries.

- That access to the Pearl River not be restricted except in rare instances when a training exercise may make it necessary to temporarily close off the thoroughfare. County Clerk Tim Kellar said that access by road in the western part of the county was cut off when the Space Center shut its gates closing old Hwy. 43 from Picayune. Supervisors said they wanted to make sure that river access was not affected.

- That hunting be allowed according to state regulations mandating times for various game.

- Supervisors also asked that a fence be put up on the north and east boundaries of the area to keep anyone from wandering into the training area.

All of the acreage is located in the Stennis Buffer Zone and adjacent to the northeast corner of the test facility boundaries. It is bounded on the west by the Pearl River. Once the facility is in place the property would become the permanent possession of the Navy. Mining operations would be suspended.

The area would be used for a special operations riverine and jungle live fire training range and be managed and operated by Special Boat Team 22, currently located at Stennis. Users of the live fire range would shoot only short range training ammunition (SRTA) or blanks up to .50 caliber, said an earlier release from the Navy. The plastic (SRTA) bullets have a limited 700 meter flight profile. A safety perimeter

would be established around the training location when the ammunition is used.

Unit 22 has trained around the vicinity of the Pearl and Mikes Rivers for nearly 30 years.

Currently the Navy and its consultants are nearing completion of an Environmental Impact Study. When the preliminary study is complete another Public Hearing will be held on the matter. The Navy was hoping to have a public hearing in the middle of January, but that date has been set back and no new date set as of press time, though sometime next month is a good guess, said a consultant.

More information may be obtained or comments sent to Special Warfare Training Range, c/o commanding Officer, southern division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, P.O. box 190010, North Charleston, South Carolina 29419-9010, Attn: Richard A. Davis, or by calling 843-820-7472 or by email at DavisRA@efd-south.navy.mil.

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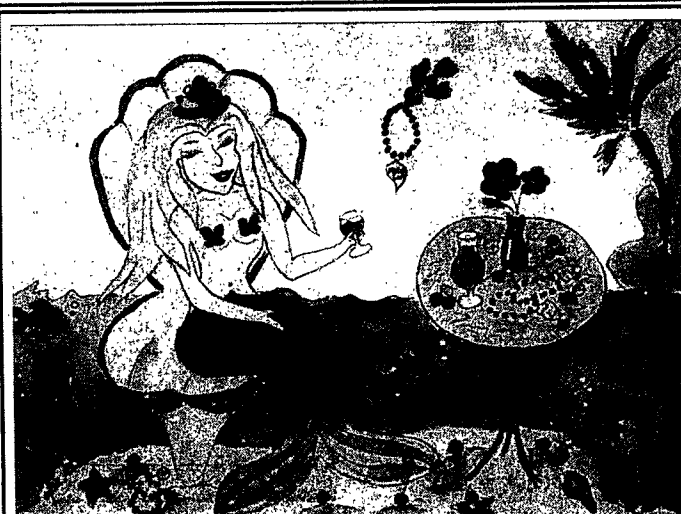


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Bay student accepted into People to People Leadership Forum

Ian Gorum, a student at Bay-Waveland Middle School, has been accepted into the People to People World Leadership Forum.

Gorum will join a select group of students in Washington, D.C., on March 15-21 to earn high school credit while studying leadership and exploring some of our nation's most prominent monuments and institutions.

From Capitol Hill to the Smithsonian Institute, and from Colonial Williamsburg to the National Museum of American History, Gorum will examine the characteristics of American leader-

ship during times of national challenge and prosperity. Forum delegates will also participate in small-group discussions and exercises to experience first-hand how successful leaders develop strategies, make decisions, build consensus, and foster change.

Gorum was nominated and accepted for the honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential.

The program is coordinated by People to People Student Ambassador Programs to fulfill the vision Dwight D.



IAN GORUM

Eisenhower had for fostering world citizenship when he founded People to People during his presidency in 1956.

Hancock Democratic Executive Committee to host meeting Jan. 22

The Hancock County Democratic Executive Committee will host the 4th District Mississippi Democrats meeting on Thursday, Jan. 22 at Carole & Mary's Olde Town Restaurant & Catering. The meeting will begin at 6:00pm and will include dinner.

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New House speaker believes in openness

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Open government has a champion in new Mississippi Speaker of the House Billy McCoy.

The Renzi Democrat has long embraced the philosophy that law-making is best conducted in full public view. In the mid-1990s, McCoy, as chairman of the House Education Committee, joined with Senate counterpart Ronnie Musgrove to voluntarily open meetings of education conference committees. Conference committees, where representatives from both legislative chambers hash out final versions of bills, had long been conducted in secrecy.

In 2001, McCoy joined other leading lawmakers in adopting a rule change requiring all conference committee meetings, except those dealing with appropriations, to be open.

The rule change expired last month, but McCoy, in his new position of influence as House speaker, stated unequivocally this week that the policy of openness will continue during his tenure.

Lt. Gov. Amy Tuck, who serves as presiding officer in the Senate, said the same, but McCoy went a step further. He vowed to remove the appropriations exemption that had existed at the insistence of veteran House Appropriations Committee Chairman Charlie Capps, D-

Cleveland, who is relinquishing that role. McCoy said the new Appropriations Committee chairman, who has not been named, will adhere to the rule of openness.

Tuck wouldn't commit to open appropriations conferences, saying only that the House and Senate should continue what we've done in the past.

Open appropriations conferences will require the support of both chambers. We urge Tuck to join with McCoy in opening perhaps the most critical aspect of the legislative process — deciding how taxpayer dollars are spent.

Open conference committees got a good test in 2002 when journalists, lobbyists, lawyers, business people, patients, doctors and others packed committee rooms during a lengthy special session to watch conferees work on bills to change the civil-justice system. The scrutiny might well have made the conferees' work more difficult, but the public's ringside seat dispelled the skepticism and distrust that surely would have accompanied talks held behind closed doors.

The contentious special session on tort reform, which some lawmakers say might have ended sooner had the conference committee met in private, could have been an excuse for lawmakers to bail on their commitment to open government.

That McCoy and others remained steadfast is a welcome indication that open conference committees are around to stay in the Legislature.

Taylor supports Clark for president

When General Wesley Clark brought his Democratic presidential campaign here the other day on his "true grits" Southern swing, he got a rousing send-off from Mississippi's U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor.

"When George Bush was chasing girls at Yale, Wesley Clark was chasing Vietcong in Vietnam," Taylor told some 200 who braved heavy rain to cram into a room at War Memorial Building recently to see and hear the only Democratic presidential hopeful from the Deep South.



Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor

His cheering listeners, of course, didn't miss the meaning of Taylor contrasting Clark's battlefield service during the Vietnam War with President Bush's avoidance of ever being sent to Vietnam.

Bush, as documented by the Boston Globe, days before his college deferment from the Vietnam draft was about to expire, was handed a cozy stateside billet in the Texas Air National Guard. His father, George H. W. Bush, was then a Congressman from Texas.

At the same time Bush was safely steering clear of going to Vietnam, Clark was graduating first in his 1966 class at West Point, winning a Rhodes scholarship, and afterwards volunteering for duty in Vietnam. There, he was seriously wounded in early 1970 in a fierce gunfight, but still directed his men on a counter-assault for which he was awarded the Silver Star.

Taylor, the seven-term Gulf Coast Democrat, said he long ago became a Clark admirer, first meeting him in the early 1990s when Clark headed the U.S. Southern Command based in Panama, then later when Clark was NATO supreme commander in Kosovo.

Mississippi has only six

electoral votes to offer Clark or any other presidential nominee and won't hold its presidential delegate primary until mid-March. Meantime, many observers both here and nationally have more or less written off Mississippi as "Bush country."

By launching his Southern swing here—the first Mississippi campaign stop of a leading Democratic contender—Clark doubtless won major points with both Mississippi Democrats and others who believe the general from Little Rock is the only electable alternative to another Bush term.

No polls have been taken to indicate a Mississippi

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J. P. Compretta elected speaker pro tem to MS House of Representatives

I have just received word from the floor of the Mississippi House of Representatives — J. P. Compretta, Hancock County's Representative to the Mississippi House of Representatives since 1976, has been elected Speaker Pro Tem of the House.

This is great news for Hancock County and South Mississippi.

The speaker pro tem oversees management of the House's administrative affairs, hiring of staff and assignment of Capitol office space and works closely with the powerful speaker of the house.

Compretta is the first South Mississippi legislator to hold the office. Some political observers have

noted that this election marks something of a power shift, since South Mississippi has not often held top positions in state government in recent history, as reported by the Sun Herald.

The pro tem position is chosen by a vote of the House's 122 elected members.

Compretta faced Mark Formby, R-Picayune, and veteran Reps. George Flagg Jr. of Vicksburg and Charlie Capps Jr. of Cleveland.

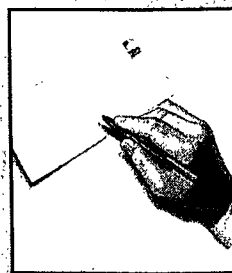
Compretta, an attorney from Bay St. Louis, and has served 24 years in the House.

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Miss. Theatre Association to host competition on Coast

High school students and community theaters to offer shows at annual festival scheduled Jan. 16-18

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When a group of actors take to the stage they are generally seeking one thing — applause. But during the next few months, members of the Mississippi Theatre Association will be performing for a little more than just applause — they will be performing for an armful of awards handed out during several competitions and festivals.

MTA, a statewide organization that fosters appreciation of and participation in children's, college, community, high school, professional and university theater in Mississippi, will host its annual festival Jan. 16, 17 and 18 in Biloxi, said executive director Stephen Cunetto.

Sponsors for the events will include Beau Rivage, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College — Jeff Davis Campus, Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, Gulfport Little

Theatre, the city of Biloxi — Saenger Theatre, Biloxi Junior High and Ocean Springs High School.

Events will take place at locations throughout the coast community. The festival is funded in part by a grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts.

"The three-day event will feature high school and community theater competitions, as well as a children's theater showcase and a 10-minute play festival for high school students," Cunetto said.

MTA present Tonya Hays said the festival is a great event for theater lovers in the state.

"Each year we have a great turnout from the community theaters and high schools who are competing in the festival," Hays said. "But this event is really so much more than just the competition that we want other theater lovers to attend as well.

We have workshops and display booths and great networking opportunities — and of course great theater."

"We hope you will make plans to attend this year's event. For more information, please check out the MTA website at www.mta-online.org," she said.

For high school theater groups, the road to the MTA Festival travels through a North-Half and South-Half competition. Cunetto said to allow more schools to participate, the state is divided into two halves and schools first compete at two separate competitions for the right to move on to the statewide competition.

The top three schools from North Division Festival, which was held on Dec. 5 and 6, were Oxford High School, Starkville High School and Olive Branch High School. The top three from Southern Division Festival were Hattiesburg High School, Oakgrove Grove

High School and Ocean Springs High School.

These six schools will meet in Biloxi in January to compete for the Dominic J. Cunetto Award for Best Production, named after former MTA President and Mississippi State University theater professor Dominic Cunetto of Starkville and the chance to the Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC).

In addition to the main competition, MTA will once again host a 10-Minute Play Festival for high school students. This mini-festival is designed to give high school students a chance to write, cast and direct their own plays.

"Here's how it works — you and five of your nearest and dearest classmates agree to turn yourselves over to us for 24 hours at the January Festival in Biloxi," said High School Division Chair MJ Etua. "We assign you to a team. Your team will write, audition for, rehearse, and perform a 10-minute play for an adjudicator and the chance at fame and for-

tune. Well, maybe just bragging rights.

"This new festival format is a great way for you and your school to try your hand at festival theater — even if you are not competing on the main stage," Etua said.

MTA will also host high school senior auditions where high school students can pre-register to audition for Mississippi colleges and universities. This is the first time this type of service has been offered during the MTA festival.

"We are very excited about the possibilities of this phase of our festival and hope that high school seniors from around the state will use this opportunity to audition and talk to representatives from Mississippi colleges/universities," Cunetto said.

More information about the high school senior auditions can be found on the MTA web site at www.mta-online.org.

For more information on the festivals, contact Stephen Cunetto at scunetto@library.msstate.edu.

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favorite among the nine Democrats in the Democratic presidential derby. However, the state's two Democratic congressmen—Taylor and 2nd District Rep. Bennie Thompson—are divided on their choices.

While Taylor openly backs Clark, Thompson has expressed his support for Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, currently the frontrunner in polls and also fundraising.

Perhaps Clark's main problem is whether or not he will be left standing after the early primaries beginning in Iowa in two weeks. However, good news for Clark backers is that he raised \$20 million in the last quarter to lead all candidates.

Certainly Clark's extraordinary military credentials can play well with Mississippians because they regard defense, patriotism and family values as fundamental beliefs a presidential hopeful must espouse.

Seizing on that theme, Clark told his listeners here that Bush "talks about family values, but doesn't do anything to help families protect these values." Quoting recent studies, Clark charged that "two million children have been left without health insurance under George Bush."

Clark said his goal as president would be "to see that every child in this country has health insurance."

But the former NATO commander's best shot

was at Bush for "sending our troops over to Iraq to distract us from the fact we don't have Osama bin Laden, who should be our primary target."

Clark added: "I wouldn't have sent them there in the first place, but I support our troops in Iraq. I don't believe however in using our troops in a way to bolster his politics as this president has done."

Should Clark get the Democratic presidential nomination against Bush it would provide perhaps the most remarkable match-up ever seen in the history of presidential politics.

Bush will run as a commander-in-chief in wartime, albeit an ersatz war he initiated by preemptively invading and occupying Iraq. His chief claim will be that he toppled Saddam Hussein, the evil Iraqi dictator, although his father could have done it 12 years earlier after he amassed 500,000 Allied troops in the same region.

In Clark, Democrats would offer a nominee who as Supreme Allied Commander of NATO forces in the Kosovo War brought down by air power an equally cruel dictator in 1998. His campaign crushed Slobodan Milosevic, who had caused the deaths of many thousands of Kosovars and others in the Balkan region. And Clark did it without the loss of a single American life.

Three years earlier as a military negotiator in the Balkans he had helped

end the civil war in Bosnia — the bloodiest war in Europe since World War II — and a few months later worked out a peace plan that would be militarily enforceable.

Many Southern Democrats are believed to share the view expressed by Louisiana's U.S. Rep. Chris John, a likely candidate to succeed retiring Democratic U.S. Sen. John Breaux.

The representative said he would feel more comfortable campaigning alongside Clark in November than any other presidential candidate.

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Director Sherry Schwabacher and Production Designer Ray Kutos have assembled a cast of six men and seven women to portray about 40 people who were swept up in the aftermath that followed the savage beating that led to the death of University of Wyoming gay student Matthew Shepard in Laramie five years ago.

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Board member suggests evaluating superintendents

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

During its first regular meeting of the year, a Hancock County School Board member suggested that the board evaluate its new Superintendent of Education and future superintendents.

Larry Seal mentioned the evaluation in his board member report and referred to the board policy manual which states "the school board shall evaluate the superintendent annually in the matter prescribed by the State Department of Education. The school district implements a formal

appraisal system for licensed staff that includes assessment of employee on the job performance."

Seal said he was prompted to mention the evaluation because the board has a "very extensive board policy manual that is often underutilized." "The superintendent deserves to know how he is performing in the eyes of the board as we are vested not with the administration of the district, but with the

"The superintendent deserves to know how he is performing in the eyes of the board as we are vested not with the administration of the district, but with the oversight of the district's administration. The superintendent needs to know how he fares in the board's expectations of his job performance."

Larry Seal,
Hancock County School Board member

oversight of the district's administration," he said. "The superintendent needs to know how he fares in the board's expectations of his job performance."

The structure of the school district, Seal said, contains a series of checks and balances when utilized and will improve the stand-

ing of the district over time. "This is simply one of the check points," he said.

Newly elected Superintendent David Kopf encouraged the

evaluation. "You're more than welcome to assess me," he told the board. "I have no qualms about it. In fact, I would welcome it."

Board member Morgan Ladner, however, informed the Sea Coast Echo that he did not favor the idea.

"I don't think it is appro-

priate for us to evaluate an elected official except in executive session," he said.

In order to conduct an effective and meaningful evaluation, Ladner said the board needs a set of stated goals and an effective plan for attaining those goals.

"Areas where we can improve include raising ACT scores, increasing graduation rates and preparing our students to enter the workforce or further their education," he said. "We as board members must acknowledge district weaknesses and ensure there is an effective plan of improvement in place."

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PRCC students receive scholarships

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Brandon Strong and Carmen Labat of Bay St. Louis, Erica Hardie of Kiln and Courtney Rieux of Waveland are 2003-04 recipients of American Legion Post 139 Scholarships presented through the college.

Christy Askins of Bay St. Louis is the 2003-04 recipient of the Edith D. Dantagman Memorial Nursing Scholarship presented through the college.

Mia Ladner of Nacaise is the 2003-04 recipient of the Hancock/Pearl River County Voiture Scholarship presented through the college.

Melanie Asher and Frank McKinley of Bay St. Louis, Amanda Lovelace and Nicole Ferguson of Kiln, and Lacey Irias, Kacey Watts and Sky Thomas of Waveland are 2003-04 recipients of American Legion Post 77 Scholarships presented through the college.



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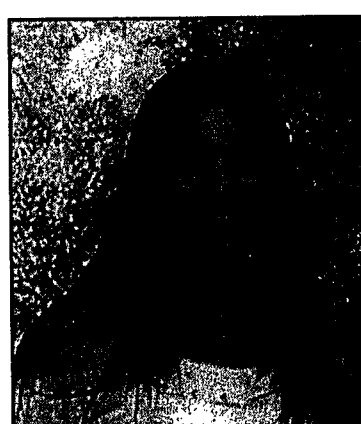
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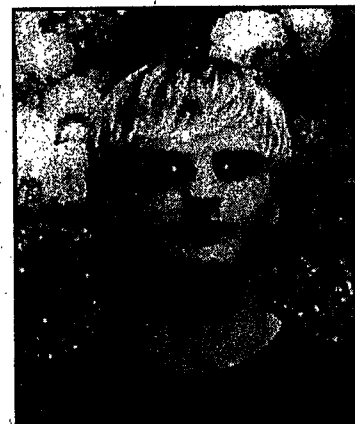
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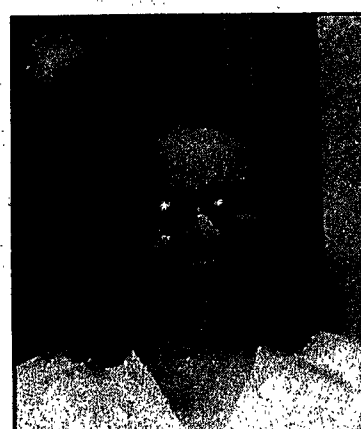
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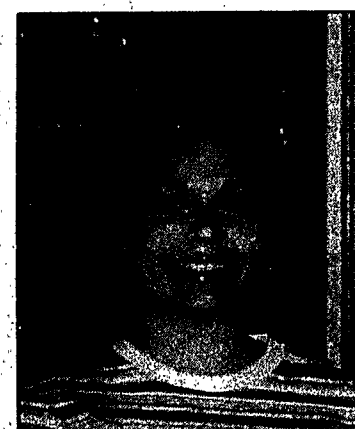
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Tulane announces December graduates

Kris K. Schaumburg of Waveland received a bachelor of professional accounting degree from Tulane's A. B. Freeman School of Business during the fall commencement ceremony held on Dec. 16, 2003, in New Orleans.

Founded in 1834 as the Medical College of Louisiana and named for businessman Paul Tulane in 1884, Tulane University is comprised of 11 schools and colleges with an enrollment of more than 12,000 students from all 50 states and 78 countries.

Randi Pope; Sophomore Rep. - Ann Turner; Freshman Rep. - Parisa Naghsipour.

Members of the student body of the Gulf Coast Campus cast their votes for the candidate of their choice during a full day of balloting on the campus.

The officers will represent the voice of the student body and act as liaisons between the students and the administration of the University.

USMGC election

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast campus recently held elections for their Student Government for the coming year.

The officers elected for the coming term are President - Ashley Fillingame; Vice President - Mark Sedgwick; Secretary - Jim Maness; Treasurer - Robert Jordan; Graduate Rep. - Jack Covarrubias; Senior Rep. - Aaron Thomas; Junior Rep. -

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DuPont -- landfill plan protest

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Saying she is neither a political candidate nor an activist, Webster said she was appalled to learn of Dupont's application for permission to fill 24 acres of marshlands with 35 acres of dioxin-related wastes.

The waste, she said, could be recycled into a safe, marketable product rather than injected into marshes. Dupont did just that at a

Louisville, KY, facility, she said, referring council members to internet accounts by Dupont.

"What does it mean? Is it bad? Is it good?" at-large council member Bill Taylor asked Webster, contending that not enough information was laid on the table to support or oppose the project.

Webster wants signatures on petitions asking the federal Army Corps of Engineers to hold a public

hearing.

Ward 3 council member Tom Favre said he might have signed Webster's papers if they merely asked for such a hearing - rather than raking the proposal over the coals.

Thriffley was her lone supporter. Saying he has students at St. Stanislaus who have reported catching deformed fish from the Bay, Thriffley sided with Webster's contention that

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there's an inordinate frequency of breast cancer in this area. He also said he objected to Dupont's "sneaky Pete" tactic of filing for its permit during the Christmas holidays.

"I don't care to sign it," said Taylor. "I don't know enough about it..."

"Well," Webster shot back, "find out."

Stasny -- board extends contact

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raise.

Since there is no salary increase next year, she said, "for three consecutive years, my salary has been the same. The last increase was in '02-'03. ... I am the lowest paid superintendent on the Coast."

Stasny said she is also the only board employee who didn't receive a pay raise last year, even though

the district's reserves are at around \$1.5 million.

"I don't understand," she said, "unless you can give me some indication of what I can do better."

The board's action, she said, "locks the salary down, and if I opt to leave, you would not be able to offer anything more to someone else."

After the meeting, Stasny

refused further comment.

"We are very familiar with Dr. Stasny's leadership," Ponder said in a written statement released on Wednesday, explaining the board's vote. "Dr. Stasny has provided stability and maintained status quo at a time when that was needed."

"We have good schools and that is comfortable, (but) it is time to go beyond

good and average for our children and our community's economic development.

"Although the vote was not unanimous (to offer a one-year contract) the majority was in favor. The board as a unit remains committed to our leadership role in working with Dr. Stasny."

Compretta -- speaker

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George Flaggs Jr. of Vicksburg and Charlie Capps Jr. of Cleveland.

"Today is a historic day," Compretta said in a statement. "The House has elected a speaker whose district include Alcorn County, which is on the Tennessee border and a speaker pro tem whose district borders the Gulf of Mexico. It demonstrates that this

House of Representatives is above sectionalism and that we truly represent all the people of Mississippi."

Working closely with the speaker of the House, Compretta will oversee management of the House's administrative affairs. As pro tem, he will also supervise the hiring of staff and the assignment of office space at the Capitol.

"Today we begin the first day of a 125-day legislative session," he said on Tuesday. "Next week a new governor will be sworn into office. This session will be filled with many issues and difficulties. I have no doubt that this body can, with a positive attitude and a spirit of cooperation, resolve these issues, which will result in progress for our

great state. We must all remember in our deliberation to do what is best for all the citizens of Mississippi."

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Flowers -- resigns

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increased the number of courses available to students," Flowers said. "All schools are now air-conditioned, including the high school gym. We have improved the football stadium, added a track to the facility (and) improved

baseball and tennis facilities. Our students now ride in air-conditioned buses. Policies and procedures have been standardized and applied consistently."

"The system is functioning both academically and financially sound, and I am

proud to say that our school system is one of the best in the state."

Favre and the Bay Council will be responsible for choosing Flowers' replacement on the board.

Red Cross urgently calling for blood donors to help hospital patients during blood shortage

THE SEA COAST ECHO

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Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to find the nearest Red Cross blood donor center or go to: www.alacgc.org.

The organization is asking you, your friends and family members to help others now. This URGENT need for blood donors is likely to go on for several more weeks which is the expected length of the current blood shortage.

"The Red Cross in Alabama, The Mississippi Gulf Coast and the Florida Panhandle looks to be on its own for blood until this

blood crisis is over.

We need local donors now to come forward," said Mark Beddingfield, COO of the American Red Cross Blood Services Alabama and Central Gulf Coast Region. "We have about a quarter of one days supply," added Beddingfield.

Beddingfield said that in 2003, the Red Cross imported over 15,000 units of blood from other Red Cross blood regions for hospital patients in Alabama, the Mississippi Gulf Coast and Florida Panhandle because there weren't enough donors giving blood in our own region. He says they don't have that luxury now.

Beddingfield went on to say that only four (4%) per cent of citizen this region give blood annually, yet 70 per cent are eligible to give blood.

"This is the problem. We have come to rely on people outside our region to provide blood for our local patients," he said. During the winter holidays 20 per cent of donors are not available to give blood. This drought of donors goes through the month of

January.

"Right now we don't know when it will end," said Beddingfield. We do know that we need local folks to come out today and tomorrow and next week to help local hospital patients. From the time blood is taken from a donor to being available for hospitals may be as long as 2 days. It has to be tested and cleared before it can be distributed to hospitals to transfuse to patients.

Some hospitals have had to cancel serious surgeries as well as elective surgeries because of the drought of donors. Red Cross donor centers are open to the public. Go to www.alacgc.org to find the nearest center to you or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule an appointment or find a Red Cross donor center. Please be a Red Cross blood donor today. You must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health to give blood.

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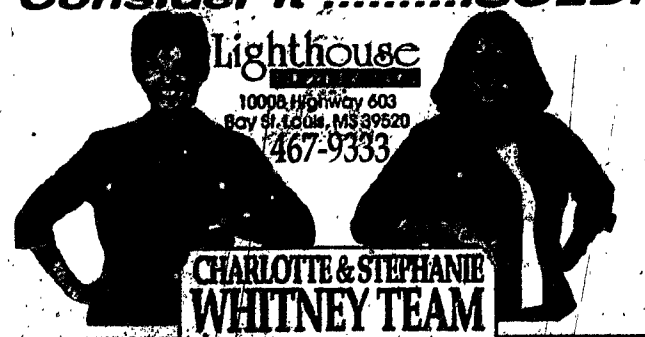
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STANLEY BOWIE DIANNER HAYNES MITTIE JACKSON DOROTHY MONTZ MARY STREETER CRAIG WATSON SR.

STANLEY BOWIE
Stanley Bowie, 67, of Long Beach died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, in Mobile, Ala.

Mr. Bowie was a native of Louisiana and was a diesel mechanic. He served in the Army National Guard and was a member of Long Beach Missionary Baptist Church where he served as church clerk.

Mr. Bowie was preceded in death by a son, Willis Chiniche, and his parents, Blaize Bowie and Ruby Ann Barber Bowie.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Bowie of Long Beach; sons, Michael Bowie of Dallas, Texas, and James Bowie of Long Beach; daughters, Donna Gates of Waveland, Margaret Holland of Gulfport and Joyce Danner of Long Beach; stepsons, Richard Akridge of Mobile and Steven Chiniche of Wilmer, Ala.; step-daughter, Alice Mealer of Creola, Ala.; a sister, Aretha LeJune of Lafayette, La.; numerous grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Gulfport. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, in the funeral home chapel, followed by burial in the National Cemetery in Biloxi.

DIANNER HAYNES

Mrs. Dianner "Bay Bay" Brumfield Haynes, 46, of Picayune, MS died Friday, January 2, 2004 in Jackson, MS.

Mrs. Haynes was a native of Pineville, LA. She was employed with Hardee's. She was a member of the Rose of Sharon Church of God in Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Fred Haynes, Jr. of McNeil, MS; mother, Maggie Brumfield of Picayune, MS; 4 sisters, Gwendolyn Weso, Teresa Lewis and Lesha Brumfield all of Picayune, MS; Virgie Bracey of Tylertown, MS; 7 brothers, Eugene Scott, Arthur Ray, Herbert, Paul, Jerry and David Brumfield all of Picayune, MS; and Lionel Brumfield of New Orleans, LA.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2004 at 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. followed by services at 1:00 p.m. in Rose of Sharon Church of God in Christ, Picayune. Burial will be in Picayune Cemetery. The Rev. Elder David Simmons will officiate.

Baylous Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

MITTIE JACKSON

Mittie (Mit) Lee Jackson, 52 of Hancock County died Jan. 1, 2004, in Hancock Medical Center. She was a native of Prentiss.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

She is survived by four daughters, Lesia Pack of Prentiss, Michelle Jackson of Bay St. Louis, Mittie Jackson Jr. of Gulfport and Whitney Jackson of Kiln; one son, Ervin Jackson of Kiln; and six grandchildren.

Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m. on Jan. 8 with services at 1 p.m. at House of Richmond Chapel.

Interment will be at Monroe Memorial Park.

House of Richmond in Gulfport is in charge of arrangements.

DOROTHY MONTZ

Dorothy Enriques Montz, 80, of Bay St. Louis, died Saturday, January 3, 2004.

She was a native and longtime resident of New Orleans, LA before moving to Bay St. Louis, MS over 20 years ago. She was of the Catholic faith. She was a retired Assistant Personnel Manager with JC Penney.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Peter E. and Laura Wallace Enriques, Sr.; brothers, Peter E. Enriques, Jr. and Arthur Enriques.

Survivors include her beloved husband, Daniel P. Montz, Sr. of Bay St. Louis, MS; son and his wife, Daniel P. and Pam Montz, Jr. of Slidell, LA; daughter, Diane M. Bissel of Baton Rouge, LA; sister, Florence Deslatte of Diamondhead, MS; 2 grandchildren, Sean Montz and Todd Bissel; 5 great-grandchildren, Jena Montz, Zachary Montz, Logan Montz, Amanda Bissel and Emily Bissel.

Services were held on Wednesday, January 7, 2004 at Lakelawn Metairie, New Orleans, LA. Burial was in Lakelawn Park Mausoleum, New Orleans, LA.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of the arrangements.

MARY STREETER

Mary Streeter was a founding member of the "Out and About Club" in Normal, IL, and its title captures well the spirit of her life.

The club's members sought to experience all the richness of life and thereby found themselves canoeing Illinois rivers and touring the Chicago Art Institute. Twice she traveled from Illinois to Haiti serving on church-sponsored medical

missionary teams aiding the poor. She also served over the years as a member of her church council, as precinct captain for local elections and in numerous school and civic volunteer positions. Most recently, she was the proprietor of Live Oak Pottery in Diamondhead, Mississippi, and her studio work on the wheel has been enjoyed by friends and family for many years.

Born on May 3, 1929, in Red Oak, Iowa, Mary Louise (nee West) Streeter died on January 5, 2004. She was diagnosed with gall bladder cancer in December 2002 and participated in clinical trials for experimental cancer treatments at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Mary Streeter was married to Ed Streeter for 55 years and together they raised five children. Prior to moving to Mississippi, she and Ed lived in Iowa, Michigan, and Illinois. In Normal, Illinois, she was a volunteer with the Centerville Girl Scout Council. There she served as a troop leader and founder of the sailing program at Camp Peairs Girl Scout Camp at Lake

Bloomington, and as chair of the council's finance committee. She was an active member of the Evergreen Sailing Club where she was elected commodore in 1984 and "skipper of the year" in 1987. Mrs. Streeter skipped sailboats in regattas on Illinois lakes and the Gulf of Mexico at Mississippi with her husband as crew.

Mrs. Streeter took her young family camping and canoeing every summer, and with Ed, backpacked parts of both the Appalachian Trail and the Rocky Mountains.

With her husband, she learned to scuba dive at the age of 55 and dived Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

In addition, she supported her husband's position as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Illinois State University. Together, they traveled Europe and China, as well as the United States, visiting family from California to Florida. In retirement, she began her pottery work and was active biking, swimming, quilting, and knitting.

She was a member of P.E.O., the Society of Mayflower Descendants, and the Community Church in Diamondhead, Mississippi.

Mrs. Streeter is survived by her husband, Edward Streeter, and their five children, Pam (Pete) Bontekoe of Greenville, Michigan;

Susan (Mark) Jensen of North Oaks, Minnesota; Becky Sutton of Christianburg, Virginia; Stan (Claudia) Streeter of Wyoming, Ohio; and Jenny (Dave) Roen of Oak Park, Illinois. In addition, she is survived by her brother, Charles West of Bode, Iowa; twelve grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ellen and William West of Red Oak, Iowa; and three brothers, John, Leland, and William.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the building fund of Diamondhead Community Church, Diamondhead, Mississippi, 5301 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525.

The memorial service will be held on Monday, January 12, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. from the Diamondhead Community Church. The family will receive relatives and friends after the service at the church.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS, is in charge of arrangements.

CRAIG WATSON SR.

Craig Watson Sr. was born to Geri and Riley Watson on June 11, 1966, in Bay St. Louis. He was preceded in death by his loving grandparents Pops Stopper and Ma-Me.

He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian. He began his career with J. E. Merit in 1992. He was determined to excel. He worked hard and pursued a career with G. E. Plastics. He was a chemical operator with G.E. for five years.

Mr. Watson left behind to share his loving memories his devoted wife, Espy Watson; two loving daughters, Brittany and Ariel; a loving son, Craig Jr.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Watson; one sister, Marsha Christmas of Waveland; three brothers, Buford Christmas of Las Vegas, Nev., and Stanley Christmas and Gerald Christmas, both of Bay St. Louis; an uncle Greg (Nina) Sellers of Tennessee.

He also leaves behind one sister-in-law Charlena (Eugene Jr.) of DeLisle; two brothers-in-law, Charles (Karla) Melancon of Pass Christian and Finando (Clarise) Melancon of New Orleans; a devoted father-in-law, Charles Jr. (Carry) Melancon of New Orleans; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends to cherish his memories.

A funeral mass was held Wednesday, Jan. 7, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian. Interment was in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian.

Exchange Club changes meeting location

THE SEA COAST ECHO
The Exchange Club of Hancock County announces the relocation of its weekly meetings. Effective Thursday, January 15, the Exchange Club will meet at

the Acadian Grill, located at 141 Hwy 90 in Waveland.

The Exchange Club meets every Thursday at noon. For more information, contact Courtney Thomas at 228-467-8079.

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College scholarships available for cancer survivors through American Cancer Society

Young cancer survivors

preparing for their higher education may be eligible for scholarships from the Mid-South Division of the American Cancer Society, the nation's leading voluntary health organization.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Mid-South Division will award \$1,000 scholarships to eligible individuals who have fought cancer and are attending an accredited university, college or vocational/technical school.

"Fighting cancer can be very costly, both emotionally and financially," said Carlette Hines, survivorship director for the Mid-South Division of the American Cancer Society. "Awarding these scholarships is our way of saying congratulations on winning your fight and keep up the good work."

To be eligible, applicants must be under 25, have had a cancer diagnosis before age 21 and be a resident of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, or

Floyd or Clark counties in Indiana and a United States citizen. Candidates must also have a GPA of at least 2.5.

Since the inception of the American Cancer Society college scholarship program in 2000, hundreds of cancer survivors have been awarded a scholarship.

Last year 197 survivors were awarded the scholarship. Applications are due by March 3. Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need, leadership, academic achievement and community service.

For more information on the scholarship program or to obtain an application, call 1.800.ACS.2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and serv-



George D. Genna
January 7th

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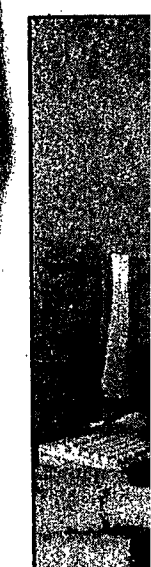
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BUSINESS NEWS

Unemployment dips to 4.6% in latest report

Mississippi's unemployment rate dipped to an all year low of 4.6 percent in November, the Mississippi Employment Security Commission (MESC) announced Tuesday.

The 4.6 percent rate was down from October's rate of 5.9 percent and almost 2 percent lower than November's rate a year ago of 6.4 percent.

The national unadjusted rate showed no change from the 5.6 percent in October but the national adjusted rate eased down one tenth of a percentage point to 5.9 percent.

The number of persons unemployed decreased by 16,900 and the number of employed persons rose by 16,000. Almost every county across the state recorded a drop in unemployment.

Sectors of the state's economy showing job gains included retail trade and professional services. Sectors witnessing losses

were reported in food services and natural resources and mining.

Only four counties posted double-digit unemployment rates, with Jefferson County having the state's highest unemployment rate of 14.1 percent followed by Panola and Clay Counties at 10.6 percent each.

Thirty-two counties posted lower than Mississippi's rate of 4.6 percent with Grenada trailing by one point at 4.7 percent.

Lamar County had the lowest unemployment rate of 2.2 percent, followed by Rankin County at 2.3 percent while Madison and Neshoba Counties tied at 2.7 percent.

"December is generally the time of year for some industries to show a decline in employment but these jobs are offset usually by gains in retail sales jobs needed for the Christmas rush," said Executive Director Curt Thompson.



Mac help

Members of the South Mississippi Mac User Group donated a half-day of service to 2nd Street Elementary in Bay St. Louis recently to service over 20 Macintosh computers which were intended to be salvaged. Club members include Carl Thompson, left, Christina Rivers, Michael Wolf and Daniel Vignes. (Submitted photo by Terry Pollard)

AARP offers free tax return help

Hancock County and area residents will have an opportunity to have their 2003 tax returns completed free of charge during this tax season. (February 1 through April 15)



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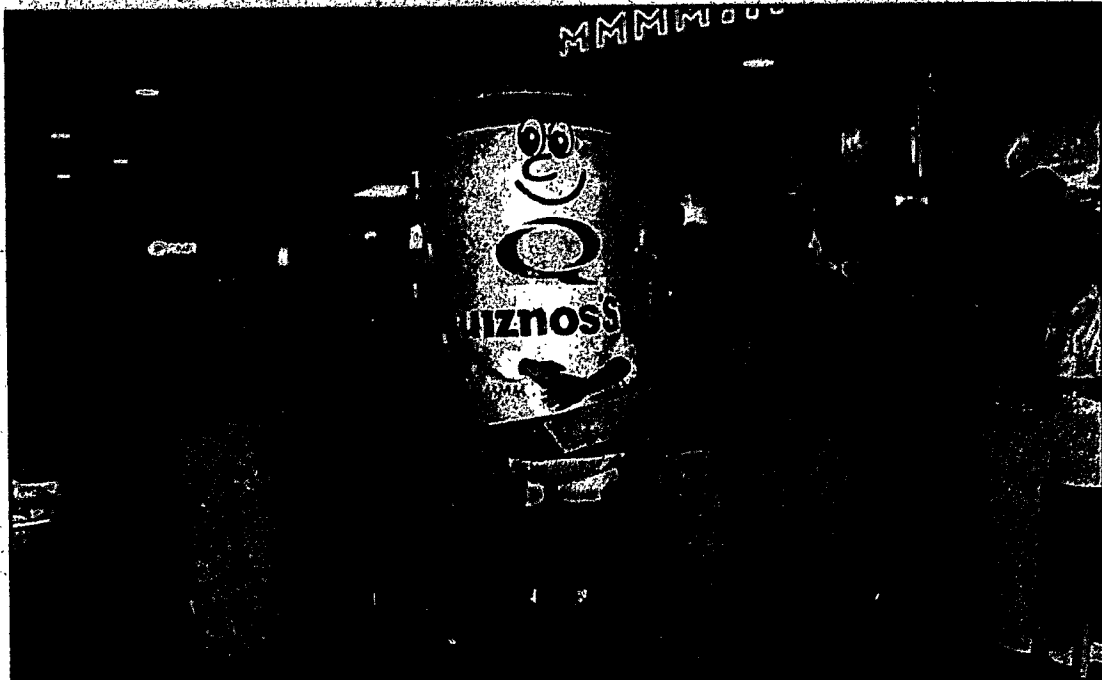
Following extensive study and testing, Hancock Bank assistant vice president and private banking officer Marilyn Brown received Certified Financial Planning (CFP) certification from the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards during third quarter 2003. CFP designation attests that a certificant has successfully mastered study, integration, and application of knowledge and expertise gained through a comprehensive CFP Board personal financial planning and ethics curriculum and examination modeled after licensing exams for attorneys and certified public accountants.

Hours are from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday and Saturday in Bay St. Louis. Kiln hours are 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Thursday.

The service is provided by AARP Tax-Aide, a service of the AARP Foundation. AARP Tax-Aide is the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service available to taxpayers with middle and low income, with special attention to those 60 and older. The 32,000 AARP Tax-Aide volunteers, trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), now help over 1.8 million taxpayers file their federal and state tax returns each year at 9000 Tax-Aide sites nationwide.

Locally, twelve volunteers spend weeks in preparation to work during the tax season. For the 2002 tax season they gave 724 hours in Bay St. Louis and 162 hours at Kiln. They helped 475 people in Bay St. Louis and 112 in Kiln. This will be the ninth year for some of these volunteers. Their work is all volunteer and they accept no compensation of any kind.

At both sites you can do a traditional paper return or E-File your return for no charge. For more information you can call 1-888-227-7669 or go to the website at www.aarp.org/taxaide between February 1 and April 15.



Grand opening

Quizno's Sub, 295 Highway 90, Suite 3, Markettown Shopping Center, Bay St. Louis, recently celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting. In attendance were Tish Haas Williams, Susie Chapman, James and Jackie Ginn, James Ginn II, Debra Alford, Doug Alford, Ralph West, Lynn Chasez and Frances Graves. The new business is part of the fastest growing, national sandwich chain with more than 2000 outlets worldwide. The Bay St. Louis location is owned and operated by Douglas Alford. Hours are 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 228-466-2882. (Echo photo by Cecilia Howe)

Hancock Holding announces stock redemption plan

Senior officials of Hancock Holding Company, the parent company of 104-year-old Hancock Bank, has announced that the company has elected to call for redemption all the outstanding shares of the company's 8% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, Series A on February 4, 2004.

Hancock is mailing a Notice of Redemption to the holders of the stock. The total redemption price, including accrued dividends to the redemption date, is \$20.1511 per share. Pursuant to the terms of the Preferred Stock, the redemption is contingent on Hancock Holding Company Common Stock trading at \$37.50 or above for 20 consecutive trading days beginning after January 1, 2004.

The closing price of Hancock Holding Company Common Stock on January 2, 2004, was \$55.87. Shareholders may convert each share of the Preferred Stock into .6666 shares of company Common Stock at any time, on or before 5:00 p.m., Central Standard Time, January 28, 2004.

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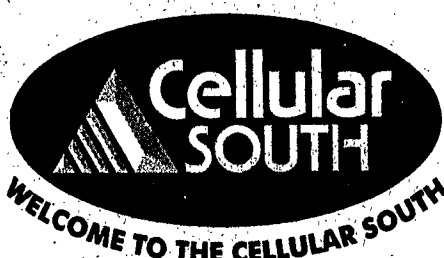


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Judge Margaret Alfonson on Monday administers the oath of office to all incoming Hancock County officials for the new year.

Swearing

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Many officials were returning to duty after being re-elected, but there were a few new faces in the crowd. District 1 Supervisor David Yarborough, who took over from incumbent Lonnie "Jeep" Ladner, School Superintendent David Kopf

who took over incumbent from Mike Ladner, and Justice Court Judge James Jay Lagasse III, new to the position for Place 2.

After the ceremony, family friends and spectators offered their congratulations and shared donuts, coffee

and their hopes for the future.

On Tuesday, Hancock County Sheriff's Deputies were sworn in for a new term of duty. The ceremony was performed by County Clerk Tim Kellar at the court house.

Hancock looking to adopt plan to keep trees safe from developers

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Both Waveland and Bay St. Louis have ordinances mandating the protection of those cities' trees. Now Hancock County is about to get a similar ordinance to protect area trees from indiscriminate development. District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour asked supervisors to consider drafting a tree ordinance that would protect Live Oaks and Magnolias during land clearing and timber operations.

Seymour said that many times even if large trees are not cut down as property is cleared, the trees die anyway because the root system has been damaged.

District 2 Supervisor Rocky Pullman suggested that County attorney Ronnie Artigues look into various ordinances and come back to supervisors with a preliminary plan to be considered in a future workshop.

Pullman said he wanted to make sure that the ordinance would not be a hardship for a person with a small parcel of land, who wanted to build a home, but had a large tree in the middle of the property.

The plan would likely combine a system of fines and mitigation which would require developers to replace lost trees by planting two or more of the same kind of tree to replace the tree that were destroyed.

Pullman also asked the board to consider holding a workshop to discuss a possible noise ordinance.

In other business:

- District 5 Supervisor Jay Cuevas made one new appointment.

Jody Compretta will serve as District 5 representative on the Port and Harbor Commission. After redistricting, former District 5 Commissioner Dave McDonald moved into District 3. He was re-appointed by District 3 Supervisor Lisa Coward.

Former District 3 Commissioner Louis Hall will no longer serve.

Park Commissioner Eddie Peterson was re-appointed but supervisors held off on their decisions for other park Commission positions.

They also opted to hold off on their decisions for the appointments to the Hancock County Water and Sewer Board. Newly elected District 1 Supervisor David Yarborough said he would also hold off on his decision for appointments to the Port and Harbor Commission, the Planning and Zoning Commission and other boards. Current appointees will continue to serve until new appointments are made.

Supervisors rejected bids for improvements to the Farmer's Market, saying they would "rethink" their strategy for a schedule of improvements, perhaps doing the work in stages.

- An \$89,470 Federal Homeland Security Grant will furnish emergency equipment to area agencies. The grant was secured through the Hancock County Emergency Management Agency and

will provide equipment to EMA, law enforcement, fire protection, and public works. Grant dollars will purchase an array of equipment from hand held weather stations to long range binoculars.

Bay Council wants no jail for paupers

Councilmen discuss letting indigent slide on misdemeanors to save city money

BY MARY G. SEILEY
Staff Writer

Can't pay for a lawyer to fight a Bay St. Louis misdemeanor charge?

At least one city council member thinks the judge should toss such pauper cases.

"I would suggest if it's not a felony, dismiss the case, says at-large council member Bill Taylor. That way, the city won't be forced to pick up the tab for a public defender.

The city also could save on the bills it pays for prisoner meals at the Hancock County jail, and medical treatments some inmates run up while incarcerated, said Taylor and fellow officials during discussions Monday and Tuesday.

They declined to move forward with the idea, however, after city attorneys John Scafide and Don Rafferty joined the conversation.

Council members routinely gripe over the food tab they pay monthly for prisoners, and the medical bills that are run up on some. Monday, they balked at a bill for public defender services.

The idea of having to pay for food, lodging, medical care and legal services for inmates was pounded during the discussion.

Even the city legal staff was sympathetic. "If they get sick, we have to pay for

that," said John Scafide. "Some of them like to go to jail so they can get their teeth fixed."

Still, Scafide and Rafferty said that municipal judges do their best by taking sworn affidavits from alleged paupers, to see if they truly are indigent. They also issue contempt citations for those who don't pay court fines that would help the city recover their judicial system costs.

But jailing those who fail to pay, council was reminded, only runs up the city's tab further. Ward 1 council member Doug Seal blasted "freeloaders" in the system, and contended that many of them have the financial resources to foot their own legal bills.

After all, he said, most of those who get public defender services ultimately get jobs and have incomes. Meanwhile, he said, they are able to pay for housing and "cable television," while the city pays the legal tab.

Council declined an offer to meet with the city's Municipal Court judges to discuss the matter further. "I guess the only answer is to get some good, responsible criminals," said Taylor with a laugh.

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Bay-Waveland sailor shines in Florida

Jackson Benvenutti, from Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, and crew Ryan Hamilton, from Pontchartrain Yacht Club, sailed their 420 class boat to an overall second place finish in the 2003 Orange Bowl Regatta. 102 two boats competed in their class during the regatta which was hosted by Coral Reef Yacht Club, Coconut Grove, Florida, December 26-30.

Benvenutti and

Hamilton completed the twelve race series with 73 points, only 6 points out of first place and 31 points ahead of the third place boat. They had one first-place, three second-place, and two third-place finishes during the four days of racing. Sailors from sixteen states and four countries competed in the event. They came from as far away as Washington, California, Canada, and Bermuda.

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2003: Was it good for you?

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BY Geoff
Belcher

"A man's got to know his
limitations."
--The Outlaw Josie Wales

It's Jan. 8. By now, if you're like most people, you've already broken at least three of your New Year's resolutions. That's why long ago I stopped making them. Now, each year I just tell myself I'll try to be a little less stupid this time.

I really wish everyone would do that, because a lot of people got on my nerves last year, and I'd really appreciate it if they tried a little harder in 2004. That's why, in a modest attempt to make the world a better place, I'm now offering you one of the most annoying things of any new year: A top ten list.

THE TOP TEN MOST AGGRAVATING PEOPLE/THINGS OF 2003

10. Ben-Lo & J-Fleck.

Okay, fine, her videos are fun to watch with the sound off and he was hilarious as the twisted, psychotic costumed vigilante in Daredevil, but beyond that, I'm really tired of hearing about these two jokers. I'm sure most everyone else is, too, but the tabloids and TV shows haven't figured that out yet, so we're still inundated daily with the latest Ben/Jen hijinks. Will they get married? Will they break up? Will they strip naked and do the Macarena in public?

If only they could do us a favor and just spontaneously combust. In '03, they were almost as nauseatingly prevalent as the next item on our list...

9. Reality TV Shows.

I really wish you people would do me a favor and stop watching this trash -- except for my own reality television series, which will hopefully be in production soon, in which the creators of *Survivor* will be forced to battle-to-the-death with the judges of *American Idol*. The winners of that match-up then get to choose from a variety of implements, tools and appliances with which to cruelly torture the stars and creators of *The Bachelor*, *Joe Millionaire*, *Joe Schmo* and *Average Joe*. The person who makes his or her victims suffer the most before finally croaking gets the honor of executing the last of the other remaining contestants; one million dollars; and a lifetime supply of Turtle Wax -- but only if he or she can completely consume and digest *Fear Factor* host Joe Rogan.

8. The "Official" 9-11 Commission Report.

I'm sorry, but I'm just a little bit peeved that por-

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AARS winning roses are all judged on 15 key gardening characteristics including disease resistance, hardiness, color, form, flowering effect, fragrance, vigor and novelty. Winners must perform exceptionally well over a two-year period in numerous test gardens throughout the United States.

Three AARS beauties represent everything a prize rose should be

SOUTHERN GARDENING

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The cold holiday season seems like a good time to give everyone a glimpse of the new All-America Rose Selection winners that will be at garden centers in just a few weeks.

This year's trio is just what you would expect award-winning roses to be: beautiful, fragrant, disease-resistant and easy to maintain. Day Breaker, Honey Perfume and Memorial Day have outperformed the field to be awarded the coveted AARS honor.



Norman Winter

Among the best new roses for the next growing season, this trio promises to sparkle in any garden and stir up emotions as rose lovers renew their affair with this gem of all flowers. Day Breaker

Day Breaker is an

upright, bushy floribunda with bright, multi-shade blooms in yellow, blending to pink and apricot. From pointed and shapely buds, its spiraled blooms grow to between 4 and 4-1/2 inches in diameter, with 30 to 35 petals per flower, each nestled among dark, glossy green foliage on a plant that reaches a medium height.

Day Breaker is an awakening of the senses, not only for its exquisite beauty, but also for its sharp, moderate tea fragrance. Day Breaker truly earns its floribunda classification with its brilliantly colorful, long-lasting clusters of flowers in a hardy, continuous bloom.

Hybridized by Gareth Fryer, Day Breaker is being introduced by Edmunds' Roses of Wilsonville, Ore.

Honey Perfume

This second award-winning floribunda for 2004, Honey Perfume, is one "sweet" honey of a rose that is exceptionally rich in color and a knockout performer. Its bright apricot-yellow blooms grow in large, open clusters with fast repeat on an upright, well-branched plant. Flowers are 4 inches in diameter with 25 to 30 petals each on 12- to 14-inch-long stems. Honey Perfume grows to about 3-1/2 feet high and 2-1/2 feet wide and features dark green, glossy foliage.

This classic floribunda has a great spicy scent and exhibits very good resistance to disease, including rust and powdery mildew. Honey Perfume was hybridized by Keith Zary

and is being introduced by Jackson and Perkins Wholesale Inc. of Medford, Ore. Memorial Day

Like the holiday of the same name, Memorial Day is truly worth celebrating. Expertly representing the most popular class of modern roses -- hybrid tea -- this medium-tall, upright, bushy variety features very large, full spiraled blooms with more than 50 petals per flower.

Evolving from pointed and egg-shaped buds, Memorial Day's clear pink flowers are accented with a lavender wash and grow to up to 5 inches in diameter. Its long cutting stems are beautifully clothed with rich green foliage to accent the

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1943: Two Stanislaus students observe Nazi blitz

Back in Time



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TEN YEARS AGO

December 23, 1993 - Jubilee Casino's 1,000 employees should be on the job sometime between Jan. 3 and 14, state and local officials say. Jubilee, located at the western end of South Beach Boulevard in Hancock County, has been pushing for weeks to open its doors as soon as construction details were complete. To speed the process up, the state hired investigators from Colorado to do the required background checks on Jubilee principals, because Mississippi Gaming Commission staff is swamped with work,

according to Paul Harvey, director.

More than one million dollars in property taxes have been collected by the Hancock County tax office since December 1. Eddie Murtagh, assessor/collector, said, "the majority of the taxes collected thus far have been received through the mail. Taxes collected are for the tax year 1993, and are Hancock County, city and school taxes." Murtagh estimated a collection of \$11 million in property, school, ad valorem, personal property, public utilities, motor homes, motor vehicles and privilege taxes.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

December 22, 1983 - The State Oil and Gas Board plans to send an inspector to a producing Hancock County gas well to check a nearby pit, which contains and oily liquid. Richard Lewis, the board's chief engineer, said Wednesday that Joe Neater, a field supervisor, will inspect the well operation located at the west end of First Street near Bayou Phillips in Section 30, Township 8 South, Range 14 west. The oval pit is about three or four feet deep, some

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Entertainment

Paul Anka brings five decades of music to Magic

THE SEA COAST ECHO
Paul Anka brings five decades of musical magic to Casino Magic Bay St. Louis on Friday and Saturday, January 9 and 10 at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$29.95, \$34.95 and \$39.95, and may be purchased at the Casino Magic Box Office, by calling 1-800-5-MAGIC-5 or at any Ticketmaster location.

Beginning his career by entering amateur contests and sneaking into clubs, Paul Anka has gone on to become one of the greatest songwriters in history. He has achieved unprecedented success in every venue: stage, screen, television, and recording. His songs are internationally known and have been recorded by the greatest names in the entertainment industry.

Since the inception of his career, Anka's songs have been performed well over 90

million times worldwide; and his LP and single sales collectively number more than 42 million. With well over 900 songs to his credit, Anka's most memorable are "Put Your Head On My Shoulder," "My Way" and the famous theme from "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson."

Anka's contributions to the entertainment industry have earned him numerous awards and special recognition. Recently, the National Academy of Popular Music elected Anka into The Songwriter's Hall of Fame.

His versatility in songwriting is best demonstrated in his most beloved song "My Way." It has been recorded not only by the likes of Elvis Presley, but also, Sid Vicious, and most notably, Frank Sinatra, whom the song was written for. The list of performers recording Anka's songs is an honor role of some of the

most talented artists of all time: Sinatra, Presley, Barbara Streisand, Buddy Holly, Tom Jones and the Doobie Brothers.

Anka launched his career at the age of sixteen with "Diana," and sales totaled over 20 million copies worldwide. Before he turned 18, Anka had five Top 20 hits and became a household name with songs like "You Are My Destiny," "Lonely Boy," and "Puppy Love." In the 70's Anka ushered in another wave of chart-topping hits: "(You're) Having my Baby," "I Don't Like to Sleep Alone" and "One-Man Woman." His success continues today with the release of new albums and touring across the nation and on the international stage.

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'The Piano Lesson' playing at Bay St. Louis Little Theatre

THE SEA COAST ECHO
The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre will present "The Piano Lesson" on Jan. 9-11 and 16-18.

In an effort to attract a more diverse audience and cast and crew participation, this Pulitzer Prize-winning drama by August Wilson will be the first to include an all-African American cast and director at the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre.

Boy Willie dreams of buying the same Mississippi land that his family had worked as slaves, and plans to sell the family's antique piano to raise the cash he needs. His sister Berniece refuses to sell, clinging to the piano as a part of the family legacy. The family dilemma is the real "piano lesson," a reminder that blacks are often deprived both of the symbols of their past and of opportunity in the present.

August Wilson is known for his spellbinding dramas including his first Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Fences" and "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom."

The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre will bring this resonant drama to the John F. Holmes Playhouse at 301 Boardman Ave. on Jan. 9, 10, 16, and 17 at 8 p.m. with special matinee performances on Jan. 11 and 18 at 2 p.m.

Charles Joseph will direct with Rebecca Hardin as assistant director and Scott Darrah as producer.

The cast includes Metric Dockins as Doaker, Stefan King as Boy Willie, John Ragins as Lyman, Judy Verrett as Berniece, Imani



Some of the cast members of *The Piano Lesson* include (from left) Metric Dockins as Doaker, Imani Joseph as Maretha, Judy Verrett as Berniece, Stefan King as Boy Willie and Harold Wilkerson as Wining Boy.

Joseph as Maretha, Allen Jenkins as Avery, Harold Wilkerson as Wining Boy and Shelly Hazeur as Grace

Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 for students 17 and below. The theater has a general seating policy. Tickets will be available at the door on the night of the show, and doors open at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.bsllt.org or call the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre at 228-467-2587.

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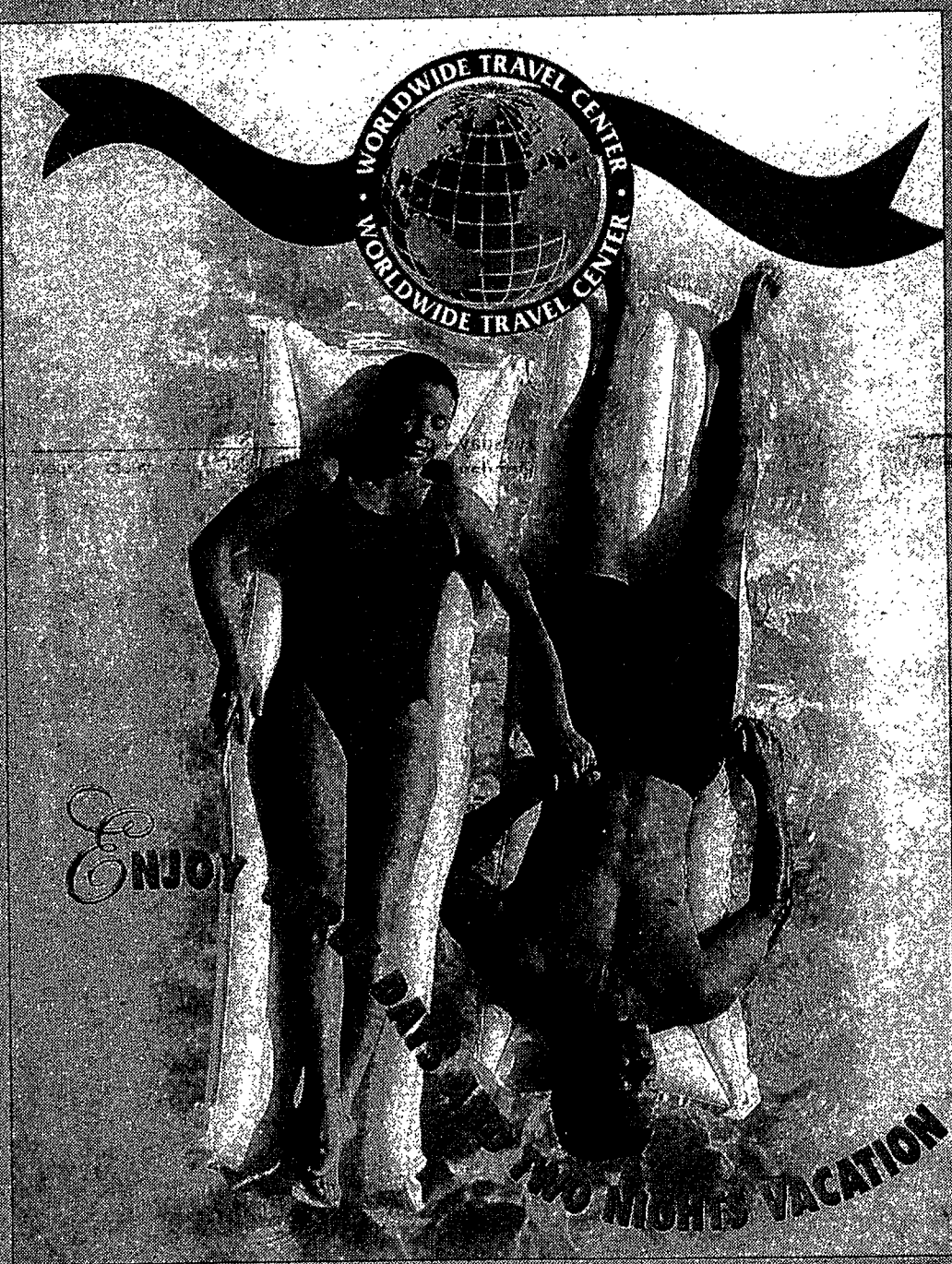
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146 Rooms For Rent

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148 Mobile Homes For Rent

2BR/1BA, NEAR GULFVIEW School, \$440/mo includes sewage & garbage. 467-6176.

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149 Mobile Homes For Sale

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
In accordance with State Statute 59-21-117 of the Mississippi Code, the Department of Marine Resources will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 13, 2004 at 6:00PM in the Botton Building Auditorium located at 1141 Bayview Avenue in Biloxi, Mississippi. The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss a proposal submitted to DMR by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors for a No-Wake Zone in Paradise Bayou near Diamondhead Marina. The main topic of discussion will be:
1. Possible implementation of a No-Wake Zone on the entire length of Paradise Bayou from Cutoff Bayou to Diamondhead Marina. The public is invited to attend this hearing and oral and written comments are solicited.
L. Frank Westreich
Boating Safety Coordinator
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
01/04; 1/08/04

IN THE CHANCERY COURT
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
SHANNON MARIE NOONAN, PLAINTIFF
VS.
RODNEY PAUL NOONAN, IF
ALIVE, AND IF DEAD, HIS
UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW
OR DEVISEES
DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO. C2301-03-848-2
SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S
NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, a Judgment Establishing and Enforcing Lien on Real Property Interest was rendered in this cause on December 10, 2003, under the terms of which the plaintiff, Shannon Marie Noonan, was granted a lien upon the interest of the defendant, Rodney Paul Noonan, in and to the following described real property; and WHEREAS, the plaintiff, Shannon Marie Noonan, is the owner of an undivided one-third (1/3) interest in the said property and the defendant, Rodney Paul Noonan, is the owner of an undivided one-third (1/3) interest in and to the said property; and WHEREAS, under the terms of said Judgment, the defendant, Rodney Paul Noonan, has been adjudicated to be indebted to the plaintiff, Shannon Marie Noonan, in the amount of \$15,924.41, plus his share of additional necessary expenses paid by the plaintiff for the said real property; and WHEREAS, the said Judgment grants unto the plaintiff a lien against the undivided one-third interest of the defendant in and to the said real property described below to secure said indebtedness; and WHEREAS, the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi has been appointed by said Judgment as Special Commissioner in this cause to sell the said undivided one-third (1/3) interest of the defendant, Rodney Paul Noonan, at a public sale pursuant to and in accordance with State law governing sales of land by trustees under deeds of trust in order to satisfy the indebtedness and the lien of the plaintiff.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, Special Commissioner, will on the 13th day of January, 2004, offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, and will sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, the undivided one-third (1/3) interest of the defendant, Rodney Paul Noonan, in and to the following described property situated and lying in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 23, Block 2, COMBEL'S SUBDIVISION of Lot 105, Second Ward, Town of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official plat of said subdivision filed in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi on July 8, 1911 and recorded in Volume C-3, pages 147-149 of the Hancock County Deed Records. Said lot or parcel of land has a frontage of 50 feet on Second Street and runs between parallel lines 50 feet apart to a depth of 130 feet. I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in me as Special Commissioner.
DATED this 10th day of December, 2003.
(SAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
Special Commissioner
12/18; 12/23/03; 01/01; 01/08/04

NOTICE
The Hancock County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to introduce a Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan for Beach Boulevard. The Corridor Plan is required for participation in the Mississippi Scenic Byway Program. The Public Hearing will be held on January 22, 2004, at 4 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room at the Hancock County Courthouse, 149 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Ms.
01/08; 01/15; 01/22/04

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NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the following vessel has apparently been abandoned for more than 5 months on the property of Bay Marina, 100 Bay Marina Dr. BSL, MS 39520, 228-468-4970.
Description of Vessel (Registration #M-4635-AZ, Hull ID #USCABCOH293, Bayliner, Classic, 24', 1993, White Cabin Cruiser.
Application for registration will be made in accordance with Miss. Code Ann 59-21-1 et. Seq., 59-25-1 et. Seq., and 59-17-1 et. Seq., as amended 1972, if the vessel is not claimed and removed from Bay Marina within thirty (30) days of this notice.
01/01; 01/08; 01/15/04

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT
AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
Mr. E.J. Dennis has filed an application with the Department of Marine Resources requesting permission to conduct regulated activities under the provision of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Law Act, Title 49, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972, in the area of an unnamed canal adjacent to Cutoff Bayou at 322 Punani Place, Diamondhead, Hancock County, Mississippi. The applicant requests permission to remove an existing pier measuring 4 feet in width by 31 feet in length and build a new pier along his property line measuring 4 feet in width by 35 feet in length. A boat lift measuring 16 feet in length and 16 feet in width will also be installed, and the existing pier to the right of the lift will be extended four feet in length. The width of the canal along which the pier will be installed is 132 feet across. The proposed pier extensions and boat lift would encompass 27% of the width of the waterway.

The applicant requests in compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251, 1341), as amended by PL 95-217, the applicant will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C. 1311), Section 302 (33 U.S.C. 1312), Section 303 (U.S.C. 1313), Section 306 (U.S.C. 1316), and Section 307 (U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and appropriate requirements of the State Law.

Any person wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530 and the Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 10385, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 before 1:00 p.m. on the day January 19, 2004.
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Public Notices

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

WHEREAS, on the 8th day of October, 1999, Eric O. Pollard, a married man and Helene E. Pollard, his wife, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust to Countywide Home Loans, Inc., Trustee for Full Spectrum Lending, Inc., Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 569 at Page 206; and

WHEREAS, on the 8th day of October, 1999, Full Spectrum Lending, Inc., assigned said Deed of Trust to Countywide Home Loans, Inc., by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 571 at Page 623; and

WHEREAS, on the 9th day of December, 2003, the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Emily Kaye Courteau, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 605 at Page 216; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 23rd day of January, 2004, I will during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described Land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 16, Washington Heights Subdivision, City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official plat of subdivision filed in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 18th day of December, 2003.

EMILY KAYE COURTEAU
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
2309 OLIVER ROAD
MONROE, LA 71201
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appointed Mary K. McKay, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 588 at Page 644; and

WHEREAS, on the 24th day of November, 2003, the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Emily Kaye Courteau, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 605 at Page 216; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 23rd day of January, 2004, I will during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described Land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

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Beginning at the NW corner of Lot 4, Block 38, of the Bay St. Louis Land and Improvement company's first addition to the town of Waveland, Mississippi, thence 57 feet to an iron stake; thence South 205 feet to an iron stake; thence West 77 feet to an iron stake on the East line of Olivai Street; thence North 205 feet to the place of beginning. Said land being a part of Lot 4, Block 38, of the Bay St. Louis Land and Improvement company's first addition to the town of Waveland, Mississippi, as per the official plat thereof filed in the office of the Clerk of the Hancock County Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on August 24, 1999.

I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 29th day of December, 2003.

EMILY KAYE COURTEAU
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
2309 OLIVER ROAD
MONROE, LA 71201
(318) 330-9020
01/08/03 01/15/04 01/22/04
226 Olivai St., Waveland, MS 39073 4040

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROSALIE SCIAMBRA SPINATO

CAUSE NO. C-2301-03-022-4

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ROSALIE SCIAMBRA SPINATO

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 15th day of December, 2003, by the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Rosalie Sciambra Spinato, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of the said Court for probate and registry according to law within 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 15th day of December, 2003.

LOUIS M. GENARD
Executor of the Estate of Rosalie Sciambra Spinato
12/18; 12/25/03; 01/01; 01/08/04

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of June, 1997, Valerie J. Thomas, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust to Countywide Home Loans, Inc., Trustee for WMC Mortgage Corp., Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 485 at Page 268; and

WHEREAS, on the 14th day of December, 1999, WMC Mortgage Corp., assigned said Deed of Trust to Bankers Trust Company, as Trustee of Amresco Residential Securities Corporation Mortgage Loan Trust 1998-1, under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 1998, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 579 at Page 603; and

WHEREAS, on the 19th day of June, 2000, Valerie J. Thomas, sold the property, conveying said indebtedness to Tiffany N. Dease, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 582 at Page 604; and

WHEREAS, on the 11th day of April, 2000, the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and

appointed Gerald M. Genard, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 582 at Page 604; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 11th day of February, 2004, I will, during legal hours (between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.), at public outcry, offer for sale

and will sell, at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Lots 4, 6, and 7, Square 0, in the Town of Pearlington, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official plat of said town on file in the office of the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi. Together with all singular rights, privileges, improvements and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining. Being the same property acquired by Mrs. Lawrence Bennett (now Edith M. Bennett Bailey) from Martha Sheppard, by deed dated April 9, 1938, and recorded in Book F-4, pages 584-85, Hancock County Deed Records.

Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 15th day of December, 2003

Thomas E. Prior
Priority Trustee Services of Mississippi, L.L.C.
3300 N.E. Expressway, Building 8
Atlanta, GA 30341
(770) 234-9181
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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2001, JOHN J. OIVERS executed and delivered a Deed of Trust to Harry R. Allen, Trustee for HANCOCK MORTGAGE CORPORATION, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 669 at Page 146 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Beneficiary in the above referenced Deed of Trust was corrected to read HANCOCK BANK and the Deed of Trust was re-recorded in Deed of Trust Book 673 at Page 407 in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the subject property was conveyed by John J. Oivers to Carrie L. Franklin by Warranty Deed dated June 25, 2003, and recorded in Deed Book 88266 at Page 152 in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk.

WHEREAS, HANCOCK BANK appointed Gerald M. Warren as Substitute Trustee by instrument dated December 8, 2003 and recorded in Deed of Trust Book 805 at Page 756 of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, which default has continued for a period of time necessary for the holder to declare the entire unpaid balance immediately due and payable, and HANCOCK BANK, the holder of the Deed of Trust as aforesaid, having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee so to do, I will on the 15th day of January, 2004, offer for sale at public outcry and sell during the legal hours, between the hours of 11:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m., at the North front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest and best bidder, the following described land and property lying and being situated in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 71, Glen Eagle, Diamondhead, Phase 1, according to the map thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 10th day of December, 2003

GERALD M. WARREN,
Substitute Trustee

Gerald M. Warren, Attorney
P.O. Box 1506
Gulfport, MS 39502
12/25/03; 01/01/04; 01/08/04

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2002, Oliver V. Kelley and Rhiannon M. Kelley executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust to Mississippi Valley Title Insurance, Trustee for the benefit of Bank One, N.A., to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Book 691, Page 251; and

WHEREAS, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Priority Trustee Services of Mississippi, L.L.C., as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 802, Page 525; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on February 4, 2004, I will, during legal hours (between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.), at public outcry, offer for sale

and will sell, at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Lots 65 and 66, Block 8, Oak Harbor Subdivision, Section 1, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per map or plat on file and of record in the office of the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, dated August 17, 1984 and recorded in Plat Book 3 at Pages 17-20. This conveyance is made subject to all prior reservations, easements, restrictions and protective covenants applicable to the above described property which appear of record. Any of the subject property lying below the mean high tide classified as wetlands, including riparian and littoral rights, are conveyed by quit claim only.

Title to the above-described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 22nd day of December, 2003

Thomas E. Prior
Priority Trustee Services of Mississippi, L.L.C.
3300 N.E. Expressway, Building 8
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CHARLENE ROBERTS, Trustee

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HANCOCK

WHEREAS, on March 30, 1999, Earl C. Bennett executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust to Stephen R. Colson, Trustee for the benefit of EquiCredit Corporation/Ala & Miss, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Book 549, Page 777; and

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust subsequently assigned unto U.S. Bank National Association, f/k/a First Bank National Association Trust, acting solely in its capacity as trustee for ECCC Home Equity Loan Trust 1999-2, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 802, Page 525; and

WHEREAS, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Priority Trustee Services of Mississippi, L.L.C., as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 802, Page 525; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on January 14, 2004, I will, during legal hours (between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.), at public outcry, offer for sale

and will sell, at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Lots 4, 6, and 7, Square 0, in the Town of Pearlington, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official plat of said town on file in the office of the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi. Together with all singular rights, privileges, improvements and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining. Being the same property acquired by Mrs. Lawrence Bennett (now Edith M. Bennett Bailey) from Martha Sheppard, by deed dated April 9, 1938, and recorded in Book F-4, pages 584-85, Hancock County Deed Records.

Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

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Priority Trustee Services of Mississippi, L.L.C.
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CHARLENE ROBERTS, Trustee

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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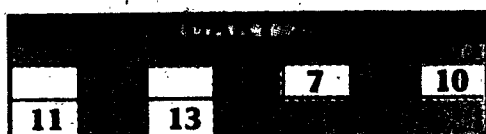
WHEREAS, on the 23rd day

Choice Supermarket

200 W. Railroad St. Long Beach, MS 39560
Store Hours: Sunday Thru Thurs. 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.
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Diamondhead Supermarket

4402 Aloha Drive Diamondhead, MS 39525
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715 Highway 90 Waveland, MS 39576
Store Hours: Sunday Thru Thurs. 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.
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USDA 7-9 Lbs. Avg.

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Value Time Beef Patties...5-Lb. Box \$5.00

Great for Breakfast! 12-Oz.

Farmland Sliced Bacon.....3 For \$5

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Jumbo Franks or Sliced Bologna.....4 For \$5

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2 5-Lb. Bags \$5

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2 24-Ct. Cases \$7



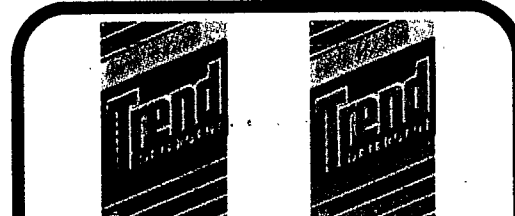
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**6-Pk. 1/2-Liter Btls.
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4 For \$9



**Save On
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4 93-Oz. Boxes \$10

Assorted Flavors

Sugar Busters.....2 1/2-Gals. \$7

Hormel 15-Oz.

Chili With Beans.....4 For \$5

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Heinz Ketchup.... 4 For \$5

Pedigree 13.2-Oz.

Chunky Dog Food.....3 Cans \$2

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Apple Juice.....4 For \$5

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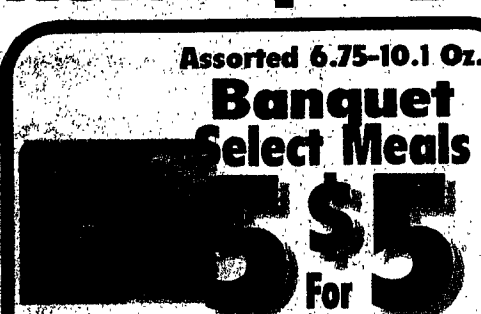
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Banquet Select Meals**

5 For \$5



**Assorted 7-Oz.
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